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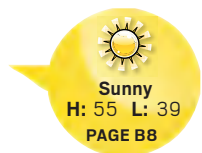


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PROMOTING POSITIVITY

Humboldt State University students bring fun, offbeat humor to week celebrating self-love



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Yomira Rodriguez, left, Melissa Salazar-Martinez in a unicorn head, Samantha Brickerd, and Alexis Arancibia with her inflatable alien friend — all of the Humboldt State University Peer Health Education Program — relax at their Valentine's Day condom roses, photo shoot, and love letters to yourself table on the quad Wednesday. Part of Body Positivity Week, the aim was to promote self-love and positive body image. Body positivity week culminates today with a Sustainable Body Care class from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Recreation and Wellness Center Drop-In Lounge.

EDUCATION

Tree wars? CR to test HSU's big tree claim

Friendly contest highlights on-campus resources

By Hunter Cresswell
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Nearby colleges and universities commonly have football team rivalries, but here in Humboldt County they compete to have the largest growing tree on campus.

College of the Redwoods and Humboldt State University don't compete athletically but the CR Forestry and Natural Resources program is coming after HSU's claim last year that they have the world's tallest tree on a college campus. This week, CR students measured what could be the largest tree by diameter on a college campus in the United States.

However, these things are hard to keep track of because there's not a Guinness World Record for the tallest or largest by diameter trees on college campuses, CR forestry professor Tim Baker said.

"Basically, we don't know," he said about the largest on-campus tree designation. "We were throwing it out there in response to HSU saying they had the world's tallest tree [on a college campus] because they don't know either."

Baker and CR forestry associate professor Mickey Jarvi both said this is all in good fun.

"It's not intended to be anything serious and I wouldn't be surprised if another campus said, 'Wait a minute, we have some big trees too,'" Baker said.

Jarvi and one of his students last year, using light detection and ranging — LIDAR — data of the campus's



COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS — CONTRIBUTED

College of the Redwoods forestry professor Tim Baker took his natural resources inventory techniques students to practice measuring trees on Monday and may have found the largest diameter tree, at a whopping 9 feet, growing on a college campus in the United States.

forest from 2011, found two redwoods more than 200 feet tall and one about 138-foot Sitka spruce to rival HSU's 130-year-old, 240-foot-tall Sitka spruce.

In April 2017, Humboldt

State Now published a story about the Sitka spruce behind the Redwood Science Laboratory at the southern end of the campus forest boundary near Bayview

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FLORIDA SCHOOL SHOOTING

Gunman kills at least 17 people

By Terry Spencer and Kelli Kennedy
The Associated Press

PARKLAND, FLA. » A former student opened fire at a Florida high school Wednesday, killing at least 17 people and sending scores of students fleeing into the streets in the nation's deadliest school shooting since a gunman attacked an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut.

The shooter, who was equipped with a gas mask and smoke grenades, set off a fire alarm to draw students out of their classrooms shortly before the school day ended, officials said.

Authorities offered no immediate details on the 19-year-old suspect or any possible motive, except to say that he had been expelled for disciplinary reasons.

Frantic parents rushed to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School to find SWAT team members and ambulances surrounding the campus. Live footage showed emergency workers who appeared to be treating the wounded on sidewalks.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

Huffman, others seek DOJ probe in 'hush money' case

'This doesn't smell right,' rep says

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North Coast U.S. Rep. Jared Huffman is among a group of lawmakers calling on the Justice Department to investigate "hush money" paid to an adult film star prior to the November 2016 election.

The move comes after President Donald Trump's personal attorney Michael Cohen acknowledged to multiple media outlets paying \$130,000 just before Election Day to "Stormy Daniels," the screen name of adult film actress Stephanie Clifford as part of a nondisclosure agreement about her private encounters with

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FORMER AIDE

Trump breaks silence, denounces domestic violence

By Deb Riechmann and Zeke Miller
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » President Donald Trump broke his silence Wednesday after defending a former aide who was accused of domestic abuse by two ex-wives.

"I am totally opposed to domestic violence and everybody here knows that," the president said, more than a week after the alle-

gations against Rob Porter first became public.

The president added: "Everyone knows that and it almost wouldn't even have to be said. So now you hear it, but you all know it."

Trump had praised Porter, his former staff secretary, on Friday in his first comments about the allegations. And on Saturday, he appeared to cast doubt on the women's allegations when he tweeted: "Peoples lives are being shattered

and destroyed by a mere allegation."

The White House's handling of the Porter situation has ensnared senior West Wing officials, calling into question the decision-making and candor of chief of staff John Kelly and White House counsel Don McGahn.

Trump's comments come as lawmakers on Capitol Hill launched a probe into how Por-

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FBI Director Christopher Wray, left, and Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats, second from left, arrive for a Senate Select Committee on Intelligence hearing on worldwide threats in Washington.

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SACRAMENTO

Garcia faces new misconduct allegations

Assemblywoman Cristina Garcia was hit with fresh allegations of misconduct in her office at the Capitol. PAGE A5



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Trafficking prevention programs set to launch

California is the first state to adopt training for educators and students to prevent human trafficking. PAGE A2

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Founded in 1947, The Patten Companies has since expanded its lifesaving equipment to contracts with NASA. PAGE A2